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For: Compression of Overhead in Layered)
Data Communication Links)

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment and Remarks are being filed with a Request for
Continued Examination in the present case. Applicant thanks the Examiner for
reconsideration of the present patent application.